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Application of: K. Yoshizako, et al. Group Art Unit: To be assigned
Serial Number: To be assigned Examiner: To be assigned
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Title: Affinity-Controlling Material with the Use of Stimulus-Responsive Polymer and Separation/Purification Method with the Use of the Material

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/JP00/03022 filed May 11, 2000. This application also claims priority to Japanese patent application number 11/130267 filed May 11, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend page 27, line 1, as follows:

[CLAIMS]

What is claimed is:

Please cancel claim 8, without prejudice.

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